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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CFED, SA, KU, TC, US  
SUBJECT: GAO SURVEY

REF: STATE 133381

1. WE HAVE NO BASIC OBJECTION TO RECEIVING A GAO TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING SURVEY DESCRIBED REFTEL. WITH AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY TIME AND MANPOWER, IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE THAT SURVEY MIGHT PROVIDE SOME NEW INSIGHTS INTO THIS COMPLEX AND STILL UNCLEAR QUESTION.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ASK TO BE PROVIDED WITH GAO'S MAJOR LINES OF QUESTIONING PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THEIR WASHINGTON STUDIES, SO THAT DEPARTMENT CAN ENSURE THAT THEY WILL HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WHAT SHOULD BE VAST AMOUNT OF MATERIAL ALREADY AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. CAREFUL PRIOR STUDY SHOULD RESULT IN PROVIDING GAO WITH BETTER BACKGROUND ON WHICH TO BASE  
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SUCH AN INQUIRY IN THE FIELD. THIS COULD ALSO HELP TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY IN-COUNTRY.

3. IT IS, OF COURSE, IMPORTANT THAT GAO SURVEYORS BE PERSONNEL QUALIFIED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE AREA. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THEIR SURVEY IN KUWAIT WITHOUT

CAUSING ANY FRICTION. GAO SURVEYORS SHOULD EXPECT TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON THEIR CALLS ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY WOULD NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES HERE AND ALSO WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN. GAO TEAM SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO HAVE ACCESS TO MINISTERS, EXCEPT FOR A COURTESY CALL ON THE MINISTER OF OIL BY THE TEAM LEADER WHO WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR. GAO TEAM MAY ALSO FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE CONTACT WITH OAPEC STAFF HEADQUARTERED HERE.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDERSTAND REASON FOR SURVEY IF IT WERE EXPLAINED AS PART OF US EFFORT TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF ITS ENERGY SITUATION, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ROLE OF MIDDLE EAST OIL PRODUCERS.  
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